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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sufficient scope for setting up food processing industries in the States including Maharashtra especially in scheduled tribe and scheduled caste areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of food processing industries so far set up in Maharashtra during the last three years and the number out of them set up in tribal and backward areas, location-wise;

(d) whether the number of industries set up is close to the target-fixed for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) & (b): The potential for processed food sector in the country including Maharashtra is immense in view of abundance of Agro Horticultural Produces. The scope for setting up of food processing unit in each region will depend upon several factors including the raw material availability.

(c) to (f): Since Food Processing Industries are bothin the organized and unorganized sectors, information regarding the number of such units set up in state-wise or area-wise is not maintained centrally.